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Dr. J. B. Martin of Chicago, President of the Negro American League said today, that he ~~was~~^{was} hardly in accord with the statements made by Commissioner A. B. "Happy" Chandler at Dallas, Texas, January 20th, when the Commissioner said, "These conferences, at the request of the Negro League Presidents were with a view toward organizing the Negro Leagues on a more sound basis" and that he (Chandler) would like to see the time come when all baseball would be under one head. However, the Negro League head refuted two statements made at the same time by Mr. Chandler to the affect that, the Negro Leagues favor keeping their own boys after their leagues were on a more sound basis, and that they would expect Negro players to "stay in their own class."

Doctor Martin, since reading the statement, has been trying to determine what was meant by the latter phrase, "Stay in their own class". Moreover, he said, that at a conference with the Commissioner in his Cincinnati office a few days ago, there was no mention of the Negro Leagues wanting to hold their players if they had a chance to advance. But our chief objective in the commissioners office was to foster plans to place the Negro Leagues in organized baseball in order that our players would have a greater opportunity for advancement.